Electrical Energy meters, XLPE Power cables and [11 kV & 33 kV ACSR conductor.

— Project Management and performance Evaluation of Sub-transmission and Distribution projects.

— Training of personnel for deployment on Sub-Transmission and Distribution.

(d) The Manuals and Guidelines prepared by the Expert Committee are meant to assist the State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities to upgrade and improve their sub-transmission and distribution systems and bring about commercial viability through proper energy accounting and auditing. The quantum of electricity to be saved in terms of reduction of the technical and commercial losses in sub-transmission and distribution system will depend on a number of technical and administrative initiatives including implementation of the said recommendations.

Hike in power tariffs by SEBs

†1851. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Electricity Boards of various States raised the rate of power tariffs during the period from March, 1998 to December, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of those State Electricity Boards which had increased the rate of power tariffs alongwith the dates by when such increase was made and the extent thereof; and

(c) the rates of power tariffs being changed from the various types of power consumers at present in each of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State-wise dates of revision of tariff and estimated averge rate of various categories of consumers applicable in various

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States and Union Territories as on 1.4.1998 and 31.12.2001 are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix, 195, Annexure No. 23]

Study regarding consumption of power

†1852. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study regarding consumption of power in the villages of various States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, what percentage of power is consumed in the rural households in each of the States; and

(d) what is the average quantum of power consumed in domestic use by rural consumers in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The Annual Report on the Working of the State Electricity Boards and Electricity Departments, published by the Planning Commission gives the consumer category-wise sale of power. The figures available, State-wise, for the year 1999-2000 in the Statement given. (*See* below)

Figures for consumption of power in rural households is not calculated separately and this would, in any case, constitute a very small proportion of the total.

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